

\$250 TAX PLACED ON CIGARETTE SALE

City Council Includes This Item in Blanket License Ordinance.

"THE HABIT" SCORED

Proposed Levy on Pleasure Vehicles Laid Over—Peddlers Must Pay.

What the Council Did Last Night. Passed a new blanket occupation license ordinance, which was signed by Mayor Batterton, and includes:

A tax of \$250 a year upon the sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers; A virtually prohibitive tax upon itinerant merchants of all classes; And excludes:

A proposed tax upon all motor and horse-drawn carriages used for pleasure. This proposed tax will be considered later.

A general revenue ordinance specifying a license tax on various enterprises, with a proposed vehicle tax stricken out, was passed unanimously last night at a special meeting of the City Council. The ordinance, prepared by the city attorney, George S. Starrett, and his assistant, Lakenan M. Price, raises the local merchants' tax from \$8 to \$10 a year, but in addition places a large, virtually prohibitive tax on itinerant vendors of any kind.

The sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers was given a crushing blow when the council, after a heated denunciation of the habit of cigarette smoking, placed a tax of \$250 a year upon all dealers in either ready-made cigarettes or the "makins." The measure was upheld by the councilmen as a measure of protection for the students and the other young men of Columbia.

The passage of a tax on all vehicles was deferred until the sentiment of the people could be determined. A remonstrance against the tax, having the signature of sixty-four voters of Columbia, was presented to Mayor Batterton by Hume Hayes. The proposed clause imposes a yearly license on automobiles, motorcycles and vehicles drawn by horse, both for pleasure and for commercial usage.

To Improve Sexton Road.

The meeting opened with the passage of an ordinance ordering the city engineer to improve and drain Sexton road from Third street to Garth avenue. The blanket tax bill was then introduced and read. Councilman Kellogg moved that the bill be considered by sections and if no objection was raised to a section, it should be considered satisfactory and incorporated in the bill. This plan was adopted.

A few of the licenses proposed were opposed by Councilman McDonnell on the ground that they would prevent students of the University from engaging in certain occupations, the carpet cleaners' tax being the main one under discussion. Councilman Kellogg spoke in favor of students paying a small tax, stating that it would make them more independent.

A long discussion followed the reading of the tax against feather renovators. The tax was fixed at the prohibitive sum of \$100 a year for itinerant vendors of this type, upon the motion of Councilman Klass.

A motion was passed that all life and accident insurance agencies be charged a yearly fee of \$25 for each company represented. A motion was also made to reduce the proposed tax of \$50 upon itinerant meat peddlers to \$25, or the same as that paid by local meat markets. This motion, too, was approved.

Cigarette Habit Denounced.

In considering the cigarette sale license Councilmen Klass, Davis and Shaw, City Attorney Starrett and Mayor Batterton spoke against the cigarette habit and expressed the opinion that it was the moral duty of the City Council to abolish the sale of cigarettes if possible.

This license, with all others, goes into effect immediately, as the blanket ordinance was signed last night by Mayor Batterton.

A license of \$5, \$7.50 and \$10 a day was set for various classes of peddlers as a protection to the merchants dealing in the goods peddled. Book peddlers were included.

The vehicle tax brought up a long discussion by the councilmen and visitors. Judge J. A. Stewart spoke against the tax, saying it would bring only a small amount of revenue and would harm many people. J. M.

Pennington spoke in favor of the tax, as being a way to keep the streets of Columbia in repair without imposing on the property owner who does not own a vehicle.

Clauses Stricken Out.

On motion of Councilman Davis, the tax on horse-drawn vehicles was stricken from the ordinance. Councilman McDonnell moved that automobiles and motorcycles should not be taxed if used for pleasure, unless horse-drawn vehicles were taxed, and that these clauses also be stricken from the ordinance. The motion was passed after a speech by Councilman Davis for the retention of the parts in question. The vehicle tax will be taken up by the council after a further investigation.

A discussion of the tax upon moving picture shows was brought up at the request of Judge J. A. Stewart, but the license of \$3 to \$6 a month was retained.

The ordinance was finally passed by unanimous vote.

The more important taxes are: Abstractors, \$15 a year; auctioneers, \$25; banks, \$50; barber shop, a chair, \$1; bill-posters and distributors, a day, \$5; a year, \$25; billiard and pool tables, each table, \$5; bowling alleys, each alley, \$5; carpet cleaners, \$2.50 a week, \$10 a year; circus and menageries, first forty cars, \$5 a car, over forty cars, \$1 a car; confectioners, \$10 a year; dances (public) \$2 a day, \$10 a month, \$50 a year; drug vendors, \$10 a day, \$75 a month, \$250 a year; dogs, \$1.50 a year.

Druggists, \$10 a year; express companies, \$50 a year; employment offices, \$5 a year; itinerant feather renovators and feather mattress makers, \$100 a year; fortune tellers and astrologists, \$250 a year; garages, \$15 a year; hawkers, \$7.50 a day; hotels and public boarding houses, \$1 a room; insurance companies, life and accident, \$25 a year for each company; itinerant merchants, \$10 a day, \$50 a month, \$150 a quarter; junk and second-hand dealers, \$50 a year; loan agents, \$10 a year; loan companies, \$50 a year; lumber dealers, \$25 a year; meat shops and peddlers of fresh meats, \$25 a year.

Cigarettes and cigarette papers, \$250 a year; cigars and tobacco other than cigarettes and cigarette papers, \$250 a year; merchants licenses, clothing, wood, coal, hardware, millinery, shoes, wall paper, paint, etc., \$10 a year each, for each additional line, \$10 a year; motion picture shows, \$3 a month; with vaudeville, \$6 a month; motor vehicles, sale of, \$5 a year for each make; sole; pawnbrokers, \$25 a year; peddlers on foot, \$5 a day; peddlers on horseback, \$7.50 a day; peddlers on vehicle, \$10 a day; public service cars, \$7.50 a day, \$15 a year; real estate agents, \$10 a year; restaurant, \$10 a year; express wagon, \$15 a year.

TAX CALLED PROHIBITIVE

Merchants Express Their Views on Cigarette-Selling License.

Most of the merchants who sell cigarettes think the tax passed by the council last night is prohibitive and that it will force them to discontinue the cigarette end of their business. Some believe it might be profitable for one or two stores to handle cigarettes. Several regard the ordinance as a boon to mail order houses.

"I'll have to give up cigarettes," said Jimmie Moscow today. "One or two stores, however, might handle them to advantage, if all the others stopped handling cigarettes."

J. E. Gillaspie, the Busy Bee and the Palms regard the tax as prohibitive and will not sell cigarettes.

"Those who want cigarettes will get them," was the opinion of E. F. Heidman of the Peck Drug Company. "They will have them shipped in. The ordinance may, however, deter young men from cigarette smoking because of the increased difficulty of securing them."

"I shall not pay the \$250," said W. C. Knight of Knight & Rosse. "The ordinance will probably bring about an increase in the business of mail order houses. Personally, I don't favor cigarette smoking."

Penn's Pharmacy and the Missouri Store are undecided whether they will pay the tax and continue their cigarette business.

C. O. Hanes, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, said that the organization would take no action, but would leave the question to the individual merchants concerned.

TO FIX BLAME FOR DEATH OF 13

Arrest May Be Made as Result of Fire in Pittsburgh Factory.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 26.—The coroner of the city today announced that a number of arrests upon the charge of criminal negligence are contemplated as a result of yesterday's Union Box Company fire, which cost the lives of thirteen persons.

Three investigations are impending, one regarding rotten fire hose used by the companies on duty at the fire. The investigations are being made at the order of Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong. Many of the girls burned were trapped by closed doors.

DR. MEZ IN COLUMBIA AGAIN

President of Students' Federation Visits Prof. M. O. Hudson.

Dr. John Mez, of Munich, Germany, president of the International Federation of Students and former president of the Corda Fraternis, is visiting Prof. Manley O. Hudson of the School of Law.

Doctor Mez lectured here last year on the question of international conciliation.

ALFRED NOYES, POET, WILL LECTURE HERE

November 22 Date Set for Noted Englishman's Visit to Columbia.

ON A TOUR OF WEST

"Optimism" Theme of Writer, Now Teacher in Princeton University.

Alfred Noyes, the noted English poet, will lecture here November 22, when he will be on his way from Princeton, N. J., to lecture in the colleges and universities of the West. He is a member of the faculty in Princeton University and will return to his work in January.

Mr. Noyes' subject will be "Optimism in Poetry of the Future." He will read several poems.

As a contributor, Mr. Noyes has had poems in the Spectator, the Fortnightly Review, the Nation, the Atlantic Monthly and other periodicals. His criticisms have appeared, from time to time, in the Bookman and the North American Review. Among other volumes he has published "The Loom of Years" in 1912, "Forty Singing Seamen" in 1907, "Collected Poems" in 1910 and "The Sea in English Poetry" in 1913.

CHARITY SOCIETY ELECTS

Professor Taylor President—Plans for Coming Year.

The annual meeting of the Charity Organization Society of Columbia was held at the Commercial Club rooms last night. A new board of directors was elected.

F. P. Miller, treasurer, reported that the past year had been the most successful the society had ever had, both as to work done and finances. The society has enough cash balance on hand to carry it until cold weather, and a campaign for money for the remainder of the winter will be started at once. During the past year \$2,200 in cash and \$700 in clothing were distributed. One hundred and nine families in Columbia were visited.

A. W. Taylor, president, said this morning that the society intended to make a sociological analysis of the cases that come under its care and that further steps will be taken to promote the prevention of disease and poverty. The society will also endeavor to protect the community against imposters.

The board of directors and other officers elected for the coming year are: President, A. W. Taylor; vice-president, W. J. Shepard; secretary, B. F. Hoffman; treasurer, F. P. Miller. The other members of the board are: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. A. H. Shepard, Mrs. C. W. Greene, A. B. Coffman, T. W. Young, C. A. Ellwood, Mrs. L. L. Bernard, Miss Margaret Sampson, M. A. Hart, M. O. Hudson, Miss Margaret Rollins, W. K. Bayless, F. J. Bate, Mrs. W. B. Nowell, Mrs. J. E. Wrench and Lee Walker.

D. E. Major will retain his position as field agent of the society and Miss Bertha Hamilton as visiting nurse.

GERARD CONFERS WITH KAISER

German-American Situation Gone Over—Wilson to Get Report.

By United Press. BERLIN, Oct. 26.—Ambassador Gerard today conferred an hour with Kaiser Wilhelm at Potsdam, reviewing the German-American situation. It is believed from present indications that the conference was satisfactory.

Foreign Minister von Jagow participated in the interview. A detailed report of the discussion has been mailed to President Wilson by Ambassador Gerard.

R. F. MOSS HERE FROM TOKIO

Graduate of University and Family Visiting His Parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Moss and son, Robert F. Jr., of Tokio, Japan, arrived in Columbia today to visit Mr. Moss' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Moss. Mr. Moss was graduated from the School of Engineering of the University in 1904 and is now with the American Trading Company of Tokio. He is on a six-months leave of absence.

Shelby County Farmers Visit Here.

Four Shelby County farmers visited the College of Agriculture of the University this morning. They are making an automobile tour of this part of the state. Those on the trip are H. A. Wright, Henry Fund, S. F. Barton and Clabe Belt, all of Clarence. From here they went to Centralia.

MODEL COMMUNITY CENTER IS PLANNED

Will Be Established Either in Boone or Some Nearby County.

GROMER HEADS CLUB

Organization Formed to Study Problems of Modern Rural Life.

The establishment of a rural community center, which will serve as a model for other similar centers throughout the state, is the purpose of the Country Life Club, an organization devoted to the study of rural problems.

Members of the Country Life Club include faculty men, members of the State Board of Agriculture and prominent farmers of Boone and adjoining counties. At a recent meeting, S. D. Gromer was elected president and P. M. Brandt, secretary.

It was decided at this meeting to formulate plans for a rural community center to be established either in Boone or some nearby county where conditions are most favorable. A committee was appointed to investigate the plan. A. J. Meyer, secretary of the agricultural extension service, is chairman.

Should the model community center started by the club prove successful, the club will aid in the establishment of other centers in the state.

Other important rural problems are to be investigated by the Country Life Club, which meets every three weeks. Committee on co-operation among farmers and stockmen and proposed rural legislation have been appointed and will make reports soon.

F. H. KING HEADS JOURNALISTS

Division Officers Chosen and Stunt Committee Appointed.

Students in the School of Journalism held a "harmony" meeting in Switzer Hall last night. Officers were elected and a committee appointed with a smoothness and precision that would have commanded the respect of a Terre Haute alderman. Ten minutes after nominations were called for, the election was over. The only hitch in the proceedings came when Dale Wilson was nominated to oppose Miss Margaret Murphy for the office of secretary, but this feeble effort of the anti-suffragists was quickly suppressed.

The department officers elected are: President, Frank H. King; vice-president, Charles Roster; secretary, Miss Margaret Murphy; Dean W. Davis, Charles Roster, Don D. Patterson, Ralph H. Turner and Miss Merze Marvin were named as a committee to plan the journalism stunt for the parade the morning of the Kansas game.

The student body of the School of Journalism will meet in Switzer Hall next Monday night to discuss the plans suggested by the committee.

TO DISCUSS KREISLER PROGRAM

Christian College Musical Directors Will Lead Tomorrow Night.

Fritz Kreisler and the program to be given in the University Auditorium Friday night will be discussed in the auditorium of the Engineering Building at 7:30 p. m., tomorrow. Director Cady Kenney and Miss Wilna Soverhill of the conservatory of music of Christian College will lead the discussion. There will be no charge for admission.

An educational discussion of each concert a day or two before the performance will be a feature of the Phi Mu Alpha series this year. The discussions will be on the biography, personality, and masterpieces of the performer. Selections from the program will be played on the piano or violin.

Columbians Go to Democratic Rally.

J. E. Boggs, clerk of the Circuit Court; G. B. Sapp, sheriff, and Charles Mitchell, policeman, motored to Marshall this morning to attend the Democratic rally there today. Senators James A. Reed and W. J. Stone, Speaker Champ Clark, Governor Elliott W. Major and former Governor David R. Francis were scheduled to speak.

Mexico, Mo., Editor Resigns.

F. A. Morris, chairman of the Audrain County Democratic Committee, has resigned the editorship of the Mexico Intelligencer, to take effect November 1. John Washington, a merchant of Fulton, will become business manager of the paper on that date.

THE WEATHER.

For Columbia and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; probably frost southwest portion tonight.

Weather Conditions. A series of atmospheric depressions continue to cross Southern Canada, and as unsettled conditions are characteristic of these depressions the weather is more or less cloudy and windy in most of the Canadian border states. A ridge of high pressure, however, overlies the United States, stretching from ocean to ocean. Throughout this great area all the weather is mostly clear and temperatures are seasonable.

Precipitation of the past 24 hours was light and local, and occurred on the extreme northern and southern borders. Temperature changes are unimportant. Except in a few of the Rocky Mountain states they are above the freezing value.

Fair, moderate weather will continue in Columbia for the next two or three days.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 66 and the lowest last night was 45; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 26 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 51 and the lowest 44; precipitation, .01.

Sun rose today, 6:30 a. m. Sun sets, 5:16 p. m. Moon rises, 7:17 p. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	46	11 a. m.	63
8 a. m.	52	12 m.	67
9 a. m.	55	1 p. m.	69
10 a. m.	59	2 p. m.	72

SORORITY GIRL FINED

Speeding in Automobile Costs Miss Mildred Johnson, a Pi Phi, \$10.75.

Miss Mildred Johnson of Mexico, Mo., a student in the University, was fined in police court yesterday afternoon for exceeding the automobile speed limit. Complaint was made by Special Officer Ketchum.

Miss Johnson pleaded guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$5 and costs, the total being \$10.75. She is a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

A. F. Sexton was arraigned before Police Judge Edwards this morning for speeding and was found guilty and fined \$5 and costs.

"I was arrested on College avenue," said Miss Johnson today. "I don't think I was going very fast. The police say that I was going 29 miles an hour when I came on to Paris road but I am sure that I wasn't going over 25 at any time. I understand that they are going to raise the speed limit here and I hope they do, for 15 miles an hour is rather slow for an automobile. "My father brought the car over from Mexico last week and as the roads were bad left it here with me. When I was arrested I was driving with a number of my girl friends."

CAPITOL READY BY NEXT FALL

E. W. Stephens Says Work Is Progressing Nicely.

"We expect to have the Missouri Capitol ready for occupancy early next fall," said E. W. Stephens, chairman of the State Capitol Commission, today. "The contractors are doing good work and the building is progressing nicely."

A contract has already been let for the building of a coal house and the contract for making the terrace will soon be let.

The commission has already spent \$1,500,000 of the \$3,500,000 which the state gave for the work.

The stone work is one-third done and it is expected that the wings will be inclosed by January 1. The stone which is being used all comes from the quarries at Carthage, Mo., and is being put into the building just as it is cut.

Local D. A. E.'s to St. Louis Meeting.

Mrs. E. W. Stephens, Mrs. J. E. Thornton and Mrs. Rosa Ingels went to St. Louis yesterday to attend the state convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which will be in session there until Thursday. Miss Eva Johnston will leave tomorrow to attend the meeting.

Columbians to Odd Fellows' Meeting.

Walter Sampson, A. Y. Slate, Estes Bedford, Harry Bryant and Hubert Henry went to Fulton as delegates from the Columbia lodge to the section meeting of the Odd Fellows yesterday. About 500 Odd Fellows were present.

Boy Breaks Arm While Wrestling.

Edward Dodson, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dodson, broke his arm yesterday while wrestling with a playmate at the Grant School. The arm was weak, having been broken recently. The boy was able to return to school today.

Football "Movies" Fall to Come.

The series of football "movies" scheduled to be shown at the Annex Theater last night failed to arrive. Many students were disappointed, but according to the management, the films probably will be shown some other night this week.

SAYS GERMANS PLAN TO AFFECT INDUSTRY

Gompers Tells President of Plot to Cause Walkout in Munitions Factories.

TROUBLE IS POSSIBLE

Sharp Demands May Be Sent if Fay Was in Government's Employ.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, conferred with President Wilson today in regard to the recent disclosures of German attempts to prevent American interests from manufacturing and shipping munitions to the Allies. He stated that a gigantic plot was on foot among agents of the German government to cause a walkout of laborers in all munition factories.

He also gave details of the plot to destroy vessels carrying munitions, which resulted in the arrest of Lieutenant Fay and two other German operatives in New York.

Sharp representations of the situation to the German government are expected to be made if it is ascertained that Lieutenant Fay and his colleagues were in the employ of the German secret service and were being financed in their operations with German money.

Dispatches from New York state that Lieutenant Fay and his companion Scholtz are to be arraigned on the conspiracy charge before a United States commissioner there this afternoon. The government has taken full charge of the conduct of the case and of the investigation which it has made necessary.

ARMENIAN FUND GROWING

New Contributors Make Amount for Relief to \$41.

Armenian Relief Fund.

Previously acknowledged.....\$25.00
Mrs. A. M. Gardner..... 1.00
E. Farley & Son..... 5.00
O. D. Kellogg..... 10.00

Total\$41.00

Realization of the desperate plight of 900,000 Armenians, survivors of a race that before the war numbered a million and a half, has stirred Columbians to add to the Missouri's Armenian Relief Fund. The money will be used to provide food and clothes to the impoverished Armenians in Russia, to enable them to live through the winter, and to remove survivors in Turkey.

The Missourian will transmit the funds to the Committee on Armenian Atrocities, in New York.

GERMAN SCHOLAR VISITS HERE

Lorenz Left England Because of Feeling Against Teutons There.

Dr. Theodore Lorenz, a scholar and philosopher who has lived in England for the last twenty years, is visiting Dr. M. F. Meyer of the University.

"Doctor Lorenz and I are old friends," said Doctor Meyer. "We got acquainted in the University of Berlin over twenty years ago. When he decided to leave England because of the bitter feeling against Germans, I invited him to come to Columbia and stay as long as he wants to."

Doctor Lorenz has made an extensive study of the history of philosophy and has written several books on the subject.

LOCUST STREET BIDS DUE NOV. 2

Paving of Block Will Cost \$1,341.48, Says City Engineer.

Bids will be received November 2 for the paving of East Locust street for one block from the west curb line of Hitt street to the center line of Tenth street. Asphalt by the macadam penetration method, is specified. J. Paul Price, city engineer, estimates the cost at \$1,341.48. The work was ordered by the City Council some time ago.

New York Religious Worker Here.

Miss Olga Hoff of New York, secretary of the Joint Committee on Student Work, is visiting Columbia to interest students who are members of the Presbyterian Church in denominational work. Miss Hoff led chapel exercises at Christian College and Stephens College this morning. Miss Hoff is a graduate of Vassar College and was home missionary to New Mexico two years. She is the guest of Miss Constance Latahaw.